



# CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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## CONSTRUCTION ON INTERSTATE-5 IN BUTTONWILLOW CONTINUES THROUGH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY WEEKEND

**WHAT:** LONG-TERM CONSTRUCTION LANE-CLOSURES AND EXTENDED DELAYS FOR COMMUTERS/TRAVELERS

**WHEN:** THROUGH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY WEEKEND-CONTINUING UNTIL FALL 2011

**WHERE:** ON INTERSTATE-5 (NORTH & SOUTHBOUND) NEAR BAKERSFIELD, IN BUTTONWILLOW, KERN COUNTY.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) reminds motorists that the Lane Reconstruction Project on Interstate-5 (I-5) near Bakersfield, in Buttonwillow, (and all associated lane closures) will continue through the 4th of July Weekend.

In order to safely complete this project, all traffic on I-5 has been reduced to one (1) lane in each direction from 2-miles south of 7<sup>th</sup> Standard Road to south of State Route (SR) 58. Motorists should expect long delays within the project limits on I-5.

Changeable Message Signage (CMS), Highway Advisory Radios (HAR) and other communicative devices are in-place along I-5 and will be advising motorists of alternate routes and estimated delay times.

### **DETOUR:**

#### **Southbound I-5 Traffic-**

- At the I-5/SR41 junction (near Kettleman City) take SR41 South, to SR33 South, to SR166 East and onto I-5.
- Motorists from the San Francisco Bay Area traveling to and from Los Angeles are urged to avoid I-5 altogether north of Buttonwillow by taking U.S. 101 to Los Angeles or by taking I-580, I-205, and SR120 to Manteca to then SR99 to I-5.
- Motorists from Sacramento and Stockton traveling to and from Los Angeles are urged to take SR99 instead of I-5.

#### **Northbound I-5 Traffic-**

- At the I-5/ SR99 junction (near Grapevine) take SR99 North, to SR46 West, to I-5.





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Live traffic information is available to motorists from numerous online sources such as Google Maps, Yahoo Maps, and Mapquest. It is highly recommended that motorists check for the latest traffic information before beginning their trips and also during stops by using their smart phones.

Access to Safety Roadside Rest Areas in Buttonwillow from southbound I-5 will be closed due to Construction. Northbound I-5 access will not be affected.

Avenal Safety Roadside facilities are available throughout the holiday weekend.

**For the next four (4) months, motorists should expect delays in this area and are encouraged to use alternate routes whenever possible.**

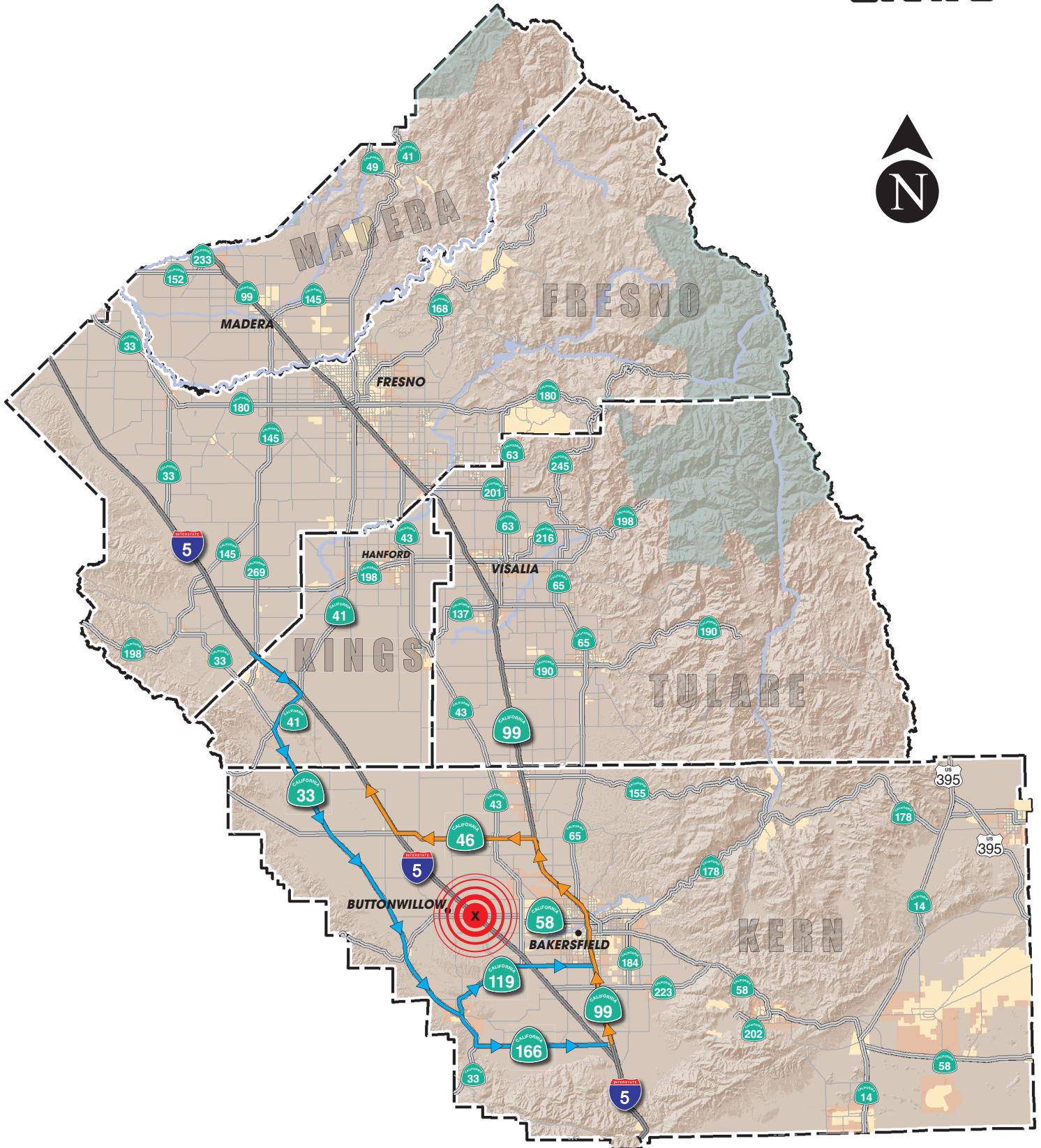
Caltrans thanks the residents, businesses and commuters for their patience during this construction project. The public is asked to drive with extra care while traveling through this construction area and please **"Slow for the Cone Zone"**.

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